

Southwest Region/Iron County Quality Improvement Committee			
Meeting Dates:	July 09 – No Meeting August 19, 2009 September 16, 2009	Review and Action Plan	Follow-up
Dash Board Items:	Action Plan Objective: Workload Reduction / Worker Retention and Recognition	<p>A: A significant portion of this meeting was spent planning for the Caseworker Recognition luncheon. Assignments were made and September 29<sup>th</sup> was set as the day. Following the Luncheon we will be having James Loveless coming down to do some team building activities with the Cedar City team.</p> <p>S: Final assignments were made for the Caseworker Appreciation Luncheon. Several committee members volunteered to bring food for this event and help set up the area. It will be held at the canyon park.</p>	
	Action Plan Objective: Resource Family Support	<p>A: Amy Bates was on the agenda regarding foster parent concerns but she was unable to make it to the meeting today. She will be given the opportunity at our next meeting to discuss the concerns.</p> <p>S: Amy reported some concerns she is hearing from foster parents in regards to them feeling like their voice, assessments and inclusion in team decisions is being undervalued and overlooked. Discussion ensued regarding ideas on how we could address it.</p>	A: Members asked for the difference of rate of pay for our foster parents in comparison to proctor parents. After reviewing the information it appears that proctor parents most likely make no more and perhaps less than state licensed foster parents when considering administrative cost have to be deducted from the proctor rates.
CPS Issues:		A: Questions have been raised in the past regarding DCFS's definitions of unable to locate, unable to complete and without merit. Members were provided with copies of our practice guidelines which were reviewed.	
DATA Review		S: The committee reviewed a child's placement which had been stable for three years in a contracted placement. The committee discussed what factors have led to the success of this placement in regards to stability.	